

Picture Books at LPL

Many of these books can be found in the Difficult Subjects picture book bin. Otherwise, books are shelved alphabetically by the author's last name.

Brandt, Lois JP Bra

MADDI'S FRIDGE

Maddi's fridge is almost empty, while Sophia's fridge is full of food. How can Sophia help her friend Maddi without breaking her promise not to tell anyone?

Dumont, Jean-Francois JP Dum

I AM A BEAR

A homeless bear living in a city has a hard time getting by, but when a little girl makes friends with him, his life becomes brighter.

Gunti, Erin JP Gun

A PLACE TO STAY: A SHELTER STORY

This simple, touching picture book shows readers a women's shelter through the eyes of a young girl, who, with her mother's help, uses her imagination to overcome her anxiety and adjust. Includes factual endnotes detailing various reasons people experience homelessness and the resources available to help.

King, Stephen Michael JP Kin

MUTT DOG!

A lonely dog finally finds a home after he makes friends with a woman who works at a homeless shelter.

Maclear, Kyo JP Mac

STORY BOAT

When a little girl and her younger brother are forced along with their family to flee the home they have always known, they must learn to make a new home for themselves.

Mahin, Michael James JP Mah

STALEBREAD CHARLIE AND THE RAZZY DAZZY SPASM BAND

The fictionalized story about a group of starving, homeless kids in 1890s New Orleans who made their own instruments and started a band that historians now consider an important step in the development of jazz.

Reeves Sturgis, Brenda JP Ree

STILL A FAMILY

Despite living in separate shelters, a little girl and her parents find time to be together, demonstrating that even in the most trying of times they are still a loving and committed family.

Sigwarth, Lydia JP Sig

DEAR LIBRARIAN

In this story based on the author's life, a young homeless girl finds a different kind of home in the library.

Picture Books from Flatirons Consortium

LPL does not own these titles, but they are available from another library in our consortium. Place a hold on a title to have it delivered to LPL for you to check out. Please contact staff for questions or assistance.

Bunting, Eve

FLY AWAY HOME

A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal and trying not to be noticed, is given hope when he sees a trapped bird find its freedom.

Genhart, Michael

I SEE YOU

A wordless picture book depicting a homeless woman who is unseen by all the life around her, except by a little boy. Ultimately, in a gesture of compassion, this boy approaches the woman, in an exchange where he sees her and she experiences being seen.

Rylant, Cynthia

AN ANGEL FOR SOLOMON SINGER

A lonely New York City resident finds companionship and good cheer at the Westway Cafe where dreams come true.

V., Sarah

THE OLD MAN

The sun is rising. Wake up, everyone! It's time to go to school. It's time for the old man to get up, too. The night was cold. The old man is freezing. And hungry. No one sees him under his blanket...No one?.

Withey, Elizabeth

THE ONE WITH THE SCRAGGLY BEARD

Why does the one with the scraggly beard sleep under the bridge when there are so many houses all over the city. (Also available as an ebook through Hoopla.)

Children's Fiction

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Abbott, Tony

THE GREAT JEFF

Thirteen-year-old Jeff's life spirals downward into homelessness after his alcoholic mother loses her job.

Applegate, Katherine

CRENSHAW

A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary. (This title is also available in our Battle of the Books section.)

Balliett, Blue

HOLD FAST

On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless--and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.

Carlson, Natalie Savage

THE FAMILY UNDER THE BRIDGE

Armand, an old man living on the streets of Paris, is happy with his carefree existence, begging and doing odd jobs to keep himself warm and fed. Then one day, Armand returns to his spot beneath the bridge to find three cold and hungry children. Although he has no interest in children, he soon finds himself caring for the small family, and it doesn't take him long to realize that he must find them a real home.

Fox, Janet

CARRY ME HOME

Twelve-year-old Lulu and her younger sister, Serena, have a secret. As Daddy always says, it's best if we keep it to ourselves.

Messner, Kate

THE EXACT LOCATION OF HOME

A moving tale of family and friendship about a tech-savvy boy searching for his father during tough times. Believing his long-absent father is missing and leaving clues behind through geocaching, Zig, thirteen, relies on his love of electronics, a garage sale GPS unit, and his best friend Gianna to search for answers.

Nielsen-Fernlund, Susin

NO FIXED ADDRESS

Twelve-year-old Felix's appearance on a television game show reveals that he and his mother have been homeless for a while, but also restores some of his faith in other people.

Pyron, Bobbie

STAY

Piper's life is turned upside down when her family moves into a shelter in a whole new city. She misses her house, her friends, and her privacy—and she hates being labeled the homeless girl at her new school. But while Hope House offers her new challenges, it also brings new friendships, like the girls in Firefly Girls Troop 423 and a sweet street dog named Baby. So when Baby's person goes missing, Piper knows she has to help. But helping means finding the courage to trust herself and her new friends, no matter what anyone says about them—before Baby gets taken away for good.

Sarno, Melissa

JUST UNDER THE CLOUDS

Since her father's death, Cora, twelve, longs for a permanent home for herself, her special-needs sister, and their mother while navigating middle school and studying trees using her father's field notes.

Svetcov, Danielle

PARKED

Newly homeless Jeanne Ann and wealthy Cal form a vital friendship as they both search for stability and community, finding it through love of books, art, and food.

Children's Nonfiction

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Roberts, Jillian J362.5 Roberts

ON OUR STREET: OUR FIRST TALK ABOUT POVERTY

Introduces young readers to the topics of homelessness and poverty.

Spilsbury, Louise J362.5 Spilsbury

POVERTY AND HUNGER

An introduction to poverty and hunger answers such questions as what hunger and poverty are, how people around the world are affected by both, and how readers can help them.

Teen Fiction

Physical books are shelved alphabetically by author's last name. Ebooks are available from our website.

Carroll, Sara TEEN

THE GIRL IN BETWEEN

A homeless girl and her Ma, always hiding from the authorities, take shelter in an abandoned mill in the center of a big city, but when developers make plans to knock the mill down, everything changes, prompting the girl to wonder what kind of ghosts are haunting both the mill and her mother.

O'Connor, Barbara TEEN

HOW TO STEAL A DOG

Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to steal a dog and then claim the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

Quick, Matthew EBOOK (OVERDRIVE)

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Ever since her mom's boyfriend kicked them out, Amber, her mom, and her totally loyal dog, Bobby Big Boy, have been camped out in the back of the school bus her mom drives. Still, Amber, the self-proclaimed princess of hope and girl of unyielding optimism, refuses to sweat the bad stuff. But when a fatal tragedy threatens Amber's optimism—and her way of life, can she continue to be the rock star of hope?

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